*G. G.* two inclin'd planes, for the Men to ſtand on, *&c.* when they put in, or take out Planks, or water the Sand.

*h. h.* The bottom of the Stove, made of Iron.

*i. i.* The Grates to lay the Fewel on.

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## VI. *A Letter from the Reverend Mr.* James Field, *Rector of St.* Johns *in* Antegoa, *concerning two Caſes of Wounds in the Stomach, to Mr.* John Douglas, *Surgeon*, F. R. S.

*SIR*,

THE Accidents of which you deſire me to give you an account, were as follows.

A luſty young Negro man returning home about Noon, went into his Houſe, where ſeeing ſome ripe Plantains, he eat of them heartily; his Father in Law, about 60 Years of age, coming to the ſame Houſe ſoon after, enquired of the young Fellow, who had taken his Plantains. Who anſwered, That he being hungry, had eaten them. Ay, you Dog, ſays the old Fellow, have you ſerved me ſo, I kept them for my own Dinner; and without more ado, took his Knife, and gave the young Fellow a moſt deſperate Wound in the upper Region of the Belly, a vaſt Gaſh being made in the Stomach, in ſo much that the Plantain, which he had eaten, burſt through the Wound, which was made ſtreight up and down.

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The old Man immediately fled for it, the young Fellow's Companions hearing what was done, purſued the old Man with Bills in their Hands: the old Man, ſeeing them follow him in this manner, and get ground of him, and ſuſpecting their Deſign was to kill him, pull'd out the ſame Knife, with which he had ſtabb'd the other, and gave himſelf as deſperate a Wound, as he had given him, and in the upper Region of the Belly, his Stomach being likewiſe ſeen, only with this Difference, that this laſt Wound was tranſverſe, or from left to right, the firſt directly up and down; the old Fellow was carried home and laid in the ſame Houſe, where the other wounded Fellow lay.

This Accident happen'd about Noon, and Mr. *Forreſt*, the Surgeon came not to dreſs them till between four and five; he ſtitch'd up the Stomachs of them both entirely, and their Bellies too, only leaving in each a ſmall hole for Suppuration; a Fever ſeized each of them, the old Man was in moſt danger, the Fever held them about a Fortnight, the Wounds were brought to a good Digeſtion, and in a Months time or thereabouts, the young Fellow went abroad, but the old Man lay ſomething longer. They were both perfectly cured, and have been very well ever ſince, tho' its above fifteen Years ſince this Accident happen'd.

*Windſor*,
Aug. 24. 1720.

*I am*, &c.

Jam. Field.